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SPECIAL FORCES PENSION BOARD

pursuant to

THE SPECIAL FORCES PENSION ACT

for the year ended

March 31, 1981

Alberta

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To the Honourable FRANK C. LYNCH-STAUNTON

Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

I have the honour to lay before you the Annual Report of the Special Forces Pension Board, pursuant to *The Special Forces Pension Act*, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1981.

Lou Hyndman

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The Honourable L. D. Hyndman
Provincial Treasurer
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Government of the Province of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta

Sir:

In accordance with Section 54(1) of *The Special Forces Pension Act*, I have the privilege to submit to you the Second Annual Report of the Special Forces Pension Board, for the year ended March 31, 1981.

The assistance of the staff of the Payroll and Pension Division of the Alberta Treasury is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Faries
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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SPECIAL FORCES PENSION BOARD

BOARD CHAIRMAN

J. E. Faries
Chairman
Government Pension Boards

MEMBERS

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Chief Commissioner
City of Edmonton

R. C. Holfeld
City Manager
City of Lethbridge

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President
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Police Associations

SPECIAL FORCES PENSION ACT

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD AND THE OPERATION OF THE ACT

The Special Forces Pension Board met a total of 5 times during the fiscal year April 1, 1980 to March 31, 1981. At its meetings, the Board, in addition to determination of the application of the Special Forces Pension Act in individual cases, dealt with the issues relating to Long Term Disability Income Continuance plans, reciprocal agreements, etc. The Board received pension related concerns of the participants through members and employers. The Board also dealt with cases involving disability pensions, purchase of prior service, etc.

The Chairman's office publishes a quarterly newsletter -- "Postscript" -- to keep in touch with the retirees under the pension plan. Many positive responses have been received on the publication.

The average age of the retirees during the year was approximately 52 years and 9 months.

Employment pensions have been the subject of a great deal of study by governments and research institutions in the country. The mass media has devoted increasing amounts of attention to the subject. The Chairman's office continues to study these developments and participates in pension conferences e.g. National Pension Conference in Ottawa (March 11 - 13, 1981) so as to enable the Board to take

proper account of the new developments.

The costs of pensions continue to be a major factor in the deliberations of the Board in its review of the operation of the Act. Recommendations for changes to the plan are made after careful consideration of the implications of the changes on overall pension policy.

The functions related to the receipt of contributions and disbursement of benefit were assigned to the Payroll and Pensions Division of the Alberta Treasury effective April 1, 1980. The following statistics are based on the information made available by them. Because of the transition, some of the statistics reported in the previous years are not available for this year.

CONTRIBUTIONS

During the period covered by this report -- April 1, 1980 to March 31, 1981 -- member contributions totalling $4,170,530 and employer contributions amounting to $7,751,675 for a total sum of $11,922,205 were received and deposited into the General Revenue Fund of the Province of Alberta. As of March 1981, there were 2,385 members' accounts including 15 accounts held on deposit on behalf of the terminated members.

REFUNDS

Refunds of contributions and interest to members leaving the service amounted to $310,083 including a sum of $62,940 representing member contributions and interest transferred to registered pension or retirement savings plans. Refunds of excess member and employer contributions totalled $15,192.

NET TRANSFERS TO THE PLAN

The following net transfers of pension contributions and interest were made by book entry to the Special Forces Pension Plan from other Alberta pension plans:

Local Authorities Pension Plan	$ 50,152.99
Public Service Pension Plan	600,186.32
Public Service Management Pension Plan	32,597.41
	$682,936.72

RETIREMENTS AND BENEFITS

Fifty-six retirement pensions were granted during the year, of which 53 were co-ordinated with the Canada Pension and/or the Old Age Security.

One Single Life pension, co-ordinated with Old Age Security was granted to the spouse of a member who had died while still in service.

One pensioner died during the year and a Spousal Pension equal to 65% of the pension was granted to the surviving spouse.

As of March 31, 1981 there were 57 pensions in effect. Total pension payments during the year amounted to $711,081.

RETIREMENTS

Early Retirement (after age 55 or 25 years service)	55
Retirement due to Total Disability	1
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PENSIONS GRANTED

Normal Pension (Guaranteed Term - 5 years)	55
Guaranteed Term Pension - 20 years	1
Spouse's Pension (Single Life)	1
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Number of pensions co-ordinated with the Canada Pension and/or the Old Age Security	54

PENSION ADJUSTMENT REGULATIONS

To provide a cost of living adjustment to pensions granted under the Act, *Section 1* of *The Special Forces Pension Adjustment Regulations*, being Alberta Regulation 9/80, was amended to authorize the following adjustments effective January 1, 1981:

(a) pensions granted on or before January 1, 1980 were increased by 8.50%;

(b) pensions granted after January 1, 1980 but on or before February 1, 1980 were increased by 7.79%;

(c) pensions granted after February 1, 1980 but on or before March 1, 1980 were increased by 7.08%;

(d) pensions granted after March 1, 1980 but on or before April 1, 1980 were increased by 6.37%;

(e) pensions granted after April 1, 1980 but on or before May 1, 1980 were increased by 5.67%;

(f) pensions granted after May 1, 1980 but on or before June 1, 1980 were increased by 4.96%;

(g) pensions granted after June 1, 1980 but on or before July 1, 1980 were increased by 4.25%;

(h) pensions granted after July 1, 1980 but on or before August 1, 1980 were increased by 3.54%;

(i) pensions granted after August 1, 1980 but on or before September 1, 1980 were increased by 2.83%;

(j) pensions granted after September 1, 1980 but on or before October 1, 1980 were increased by 2.13%;

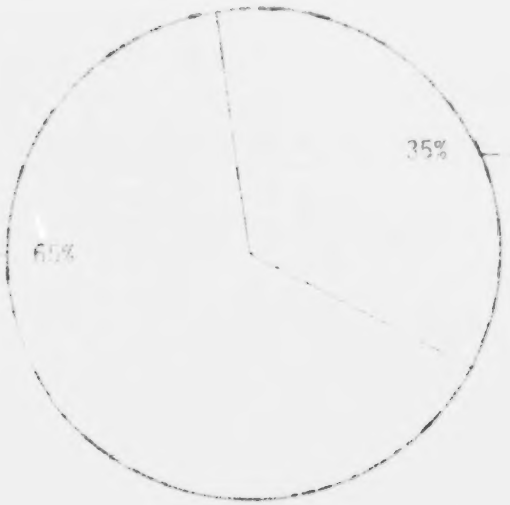
(k) pensions granted after October 1, 1980 but on or before November 1, 1980 were increased by 1.42%;

(l) pensions granted after November 1, 1980 but on or before December 1, 1980 were increased by 0.71%.

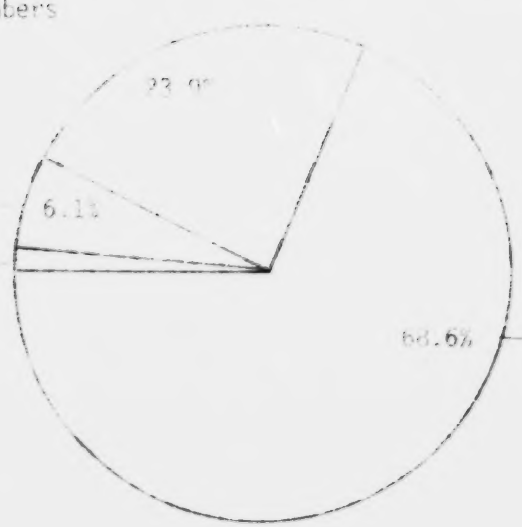
(*Alberta Regulation 8/81*)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS



PAYMENTS



DOLLAR VALUE OF PENSIONS

Monthly dollar value of pensions at March 1981:

Dollar Value per month	Number of Pensions
0 to 600	0
600 to 700	1
700 to 800	1
800 to 900	0
900 to 1,000	7
1,000 to 1,100	13
1,100 to 1,200	7
1,200 to 1,300	5
1,300 to 1,400	6
1,400 to 1,500	3
1,500 to 1,600	7
1,600 to 1,700	2
1,700 to 1,800	1
1,800 to 1,900	0
1,900 to 2,000	2
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The lowest pension paid at March 1981 was $674.62 and the highest pension paid was $1,986.97. The average dollar value of pensions at March 1981 was $1,239.78 per month.

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SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS

for the year ended 31-MAR-81

REVENUE

Contributions:	
Employees	$ 4,170,53
Employers	7,751,67
	$11,922,20

EXPENDITURE

Benefits:	
Pensions and annuities	$
	$
Withdrawals:	
Contributions and interest in respect of employees leaving the service	747,143
Contributions and interest in respect of employees transferred to other pension authorities without reciprocal agreements	62,940
Refund of excess contributions	15,492
	325,575
	$ 1,036,656
Excess of revenue over expenditure for the year	$10,885,549

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NOTE TO THE SUMMARY OF TRANSACTIONS

March 31, 1981

Transfers

The following contributions and interest were transferred by book entry and are not reflected in the summary of transactions:

Transfers to:

Public Service Pension Act	$ 8,424.00
Local Authorities Pension Act	16,651.24
	$ 25,075.24

Transfers from:

Public Service Pension Act	$608,610.32
Local Authorities Pension Act	66,804.23
Public Service Management Pension Act	32,597.41
	$708,011.96